

## ALLOTMENT OF LANDS TO INDIANS ON UMATILLA RESERVATION, OREG.

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Mr. HILL of Washington, from the Committee on Indian Affairs,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 994]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 994) to amend the act of March 3, 1885, entitled "An act providing for allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians residing upon the Umatilla Reservation, in the State of Oregon, and granting patents therefor, and for other purposes," having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This legislation is recommended by the Secretary of the Interior, and the reasons why this legislation is desired are fully set forth in the attached letter.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, December 10, 1923.

HON. SELDEN P. SPENCER,  
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,*  
*United States Senate.*

MY DEAR SENATOR SPENCER: I have the honor to submit herewith the draft of a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1885 (23 Stat. 340-342), entitled, "An act providing for allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians residing upon the Umatilla Reservation, in the State of Oregon, and granting patents therefor, and for other purposes."

The purpose of the bill is to withhold from sale or disposition about 7,000 acres of land and to make the same available for the use of the Umatilla Indians for grazing purposes. These lands were formerly a part of the Umatilla Reservation, but were excluded therefrom pursuant to the act of March 3, 1885, supra, and are now subject to disposition under section 2 of that act. The lands were surveyed in 1917, and in 1920 they were classified and appraised with a view to disposition, which classifications and appraisements were approved by this department August 23, 1920.

The Umatilla Indians, through some of their headmen and their superintendent, have urged that these lands be withdrawn from sale and made available for the

use of the Indians. The Commissioner of the General Land Office was requested in April, 1921, to withhold action as to the disposition or sale of the lands pending further action by Congress, and the matter was the subject of Senate bill 926, Sixty-seventh Congress, first session, on which a favorable report was submitted by this department, with certain modifications.

In view of this situation and the reported need of the Umatilla Indians for additional lands, it is recommended that the inclosed draft, or legislation similar thereto, be introduced at the present session of Congress, and that it receive the favorable consideration of your committee.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK, *Secretary.*